

1. **This is a modification to Solicitation Number SOL03000017, posted in FedBizOpps on 1 May 2003. The proposal closing date and time is extended to Friday, June 6, 2003 at 4:00PM EST.**

2. Due to the heightened level of security at the FCC 12th Street location, **all proposals must be delivered to the FCC Warehouse, 9300 Hampton Drive, Capital Heights, MD 20743, Attn: JoAnn Summers by 400PM EST, 6 June 2003.**

3. Proposals are to be submitted in the following format: One (1) original technical and cost proposal and three copies of the technical proposal without cost.

4. The following questions were submitted by a vendor in response to Solicitation Number SOL03000017.

Q – Please provide the ‘R’ value of the existing insulated siding on the building exterior. If this is not obtainable, please provide the desired ‘R’ value for the new construction.

A - The insulated exterior wall panels on the existing building were replaced in the early '80s, and we have been unable to locate any records of that contract. We have no idea of the actual R value of the panels. We know only that they are 2"-thick steel-skinned panels filled with insulating foam. We specified in the SOW that the new enclosure be insulated in accordance with the prevailing local commercial code for this type of structure. Vendors engaged in commercial construction should contact the appropriate office in Howard County to determine the code-required insulation value.

Q - Are there specifications for the original construction of the existing building? If so, please provide.

A - We have one complete set of the original construction drawings of the existing building... no specifications document.

Q - Is there a ‘geo-technical report’ available at the site? Is there any available information concerning the water table? Is the site in a ‘flood plain’?

A - There exists no "geo-technical report" for the site. We know that the site is not in a flood plain, but we have no specific information on the water table (although we do know that there have been no water table problems in the 29 years since the existing building was built). The grade level existing building is also 6' to 8' above the grade at the septic drain field. This would indicate that the water table is not a concern. The drawings for the existing building contain the notation: "Soil Boring Data indicate safe soil bearing to be 3000 P.S.F." If a vendor feels that additional soils testing is necessary, then that should be a part of the proposal.

Q - Please indicate what date the owner will have 'Miss Utility' inspect and mark the site.

A - Miss Utility has been contacted and all utilities will be marked by 5/29. Vendors were apprised of approximate locations of buried lines during the site visit.

Q - The time specified in the bid documents only allows 90 days. This is not sufficient to hire an architect/structural engineer, prepare construction drawings showing electrical, mechanical, concrete, structural building, soils testing, fabrication, installation, etc. of just the 'general construction'. Time should be allowed for a genuine and properly constructed RF shield and anechoic treatment. This is not the type of project that should be hastily constructed. A period of 120 days as a minimum to a more paced schedule would allow 150 days. This is not excessive for all that is required to build this type of facility.

A - The solicitation specifies a completion schedule of 16 weeks (112 days) after date of contract, not 90 days. This was based on estimates of 12 to 14 weeks construction time. {END OF CHANGES}